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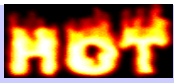
Do you know the STRIPES' team e-mail address? The STRIPES Project Management Team (PMT) established an e-mail account to communicate with the DOE/NNSA procurement community and other interested parties in the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) complex. You can send your e-mail messages to STRIPES@hq.doe.gov, and we will review your comments, questions, inquiries, and suggestions daily, providing responses within four business days. So, send us your messages!

Project Highlights

The PMT held Joint Requirements Definition (JRD) Workshops during the months of August and September. Several STRIPES PMT and IBM Team Members went on the road to visit six different locations, conducting workshops covering seven sites. Additionally, videoconference workshops were conducted for sites that we were unable to visit. Participants invited to the workshops were selected by the site Point of Contact and determined by area of expertise. More than 150 workshop participants and PMT and IBM Team members contributed to, and documented, over 800 criteria.

A JRD Workshop Survey was issued at the completion of each on-site workshop. The workshop participants voluntarily completed the survey, indicating their opinion on questions that measured the quality and scope of workshop parameters – information conveyed, time allotted, communication and presentation methodology, and value of the materials. Over eighty-percent (80%) reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the conduct of the workshop. The time constraints of the workshop were one of the most significant challenges for the participants and team. However, thanks to the efforts of the onsite personnel and the PMT this challenge was overcome to yield meaningful results for DOE/NNSA.

When asked "What did you find most useful about the workshop?" one participant replied, "Interaction with people during the workshop, diversity of participants, and the opportunity to get a better handle on the structure up front." This and other comments received both during and after the workshops substantiate the overall positive survey findings.



Topics

While the workshops proved to be a success, our work is not done and we need your continued support! The baseline requirements documents were published September 17, 2004, for comment at the following website:

<http://www.mbe.doe.gov/ME2-5/i-manage/STRIPESReqsDocs.htm>

On October 29, 2004, the requirements were baselined, i.e., fixed, so that potential vendors can be evaluated against an unchanging set of specifications. The next step is to obtain approval of the requirements baseline by the I-MANAGE Executive Steering Committee. The PMT is working to accomplish this by no later than November 12, 2004. This should lead to the acquisition of the software solution in the second quarter of FY 2005, subject to appropriations.

Many thanks go out to those who assisted in the preparation and conduct of the on-site workshops: facilitators, scribes, participants, PMT and IBM Team members. Great work!

Don't forget that your feedback on the STRIPES project can be submitted directly to the project team at STRIPES@hq.doe.gov.

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